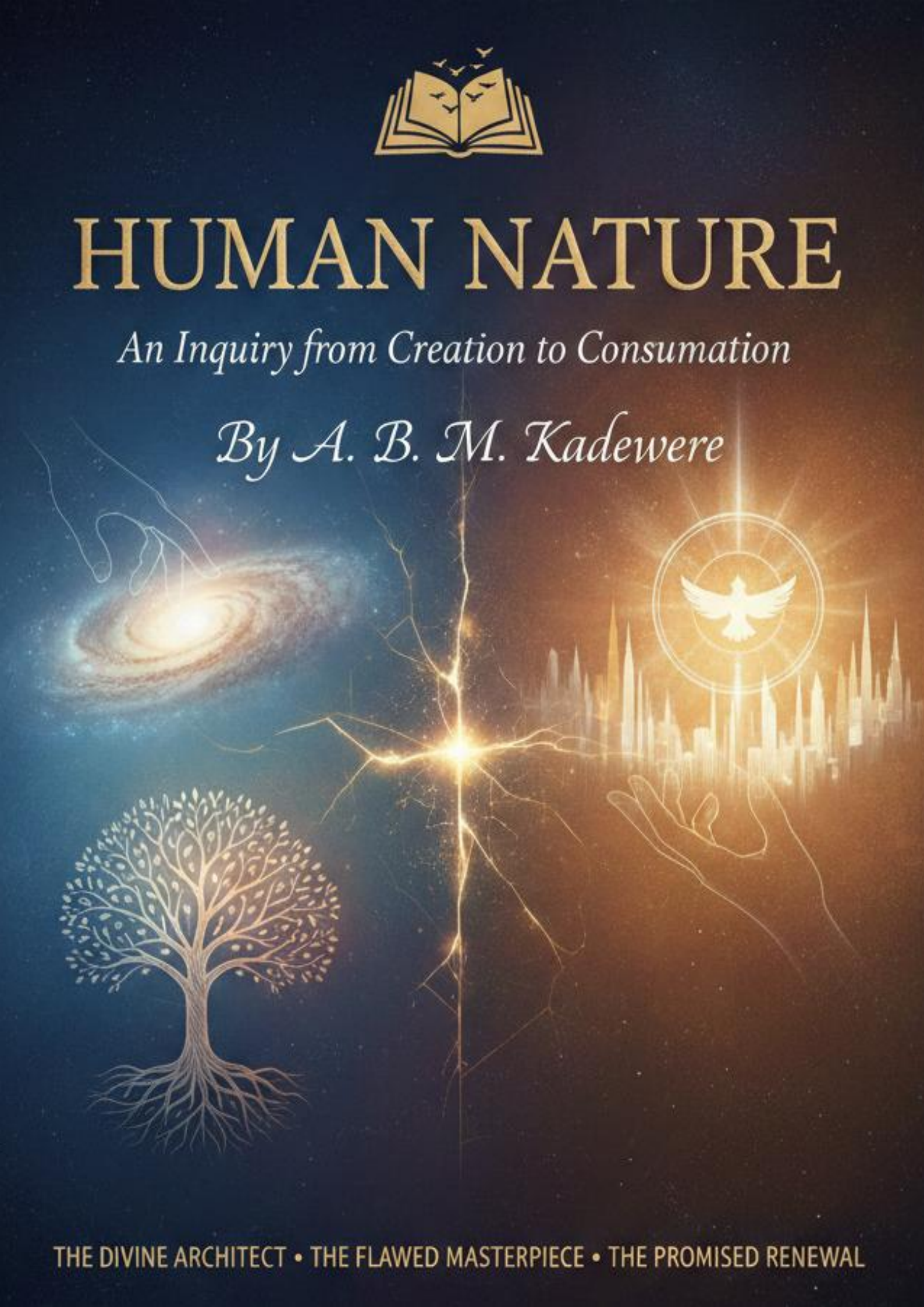
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Book Outline and Chapter Summaries

Dedication

To the inquisitive mind, and to the eternal Source of all that is.

Foreword (By the Author)

Theme: The universal quest for meaning; the complexity of the human spirit; the necessity of acknowledging a transcendent origin for existence.

Part I

The Genesis of Nature - The Creator and The Created

Chapter 1: The Principle of the Creator

Biblical Aspect: Introduction to the concept of **God as the First Cause** (*Ex nihilo* – out of nothing). Exploration of Genesis 1, focusing on the order, precision, and inherent design evident in creation.

Key Concept: **The Teleological Argument** – Everything that exhibits design must have a designer.

Today's Life Aspect: The modern search for ultimate truth (science, philosophy) often arrives at a powerful, singular force or event (The Big Bang, universal laws). A discussion on how these laws point to a Legislator.

The Power Above Everything: Establishing that the Creator is **transcendent** (beyond the universe) and **immanent** (present within it), possessing absolute power and wisdom.

Chapter 2: The Beginning and The Purpose

Biblical Aspect: Deep dive into the creation of man (*Imago Dei* – in the image of God) and the original purpose: **relationship, stewardship, and dominion** (Genesis 1:26-28). The state of original innocence.

The Aim Since the Beginning: Defining the original, uncorrupted purpose of human life: to reflect the Creator's character and to thrive in harmonious balance with the world.

Today's Life Aspect: Examining the residual human desire for meaning, purpose, and community, arguing that this is an echo of our initial design.

Chapter 3: The Paradox of Free Will (The Choice)

Biblical Aspect: The introduction of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Genesis 3). The nature of the first choice **obedience vs. Autonomy** and its consequence (**The Fall**). The origin of human imperfection.

Human Nature Unveiled: How free will, a gift of immense power, became the source of humanity's internal conflict (the desire for good versus the capacity for evil).

Today's Life Aspect: Analyzing the daily struggle between our higher ideals (love, empathy, justice) and our lower instincts (greed, selfishness, anger). This paradox defines modern ethical dilemmas.

Part II

The Duality of Human Nature - Conflict in the Living

Chapter 4: The Shadow Self: Flaws and Failures

Biblical Aspect: Exploring the characteristics of fallen human nature: **sin, alienation, and corruption** (Romans 3:23, Jeremiah 17:9). Examples like Cain and Abel, the Tower of Babel, illustrating how self-centeredness breaks relationships with the Creator and with each other.

Today's Life Aspect: Examining the current state of the world: war, systemic corruption, environmental destruction. Tracing these massive societal problems back to the small, daily choices of selfishness and pride inherent in fallen human nature.

Understandable for Readers: Use common scenarios road rage, office gossip, broken trust to show how the grand theological concept of "sin" manifests in recognizable, everyday life.

Chapter 5: The Seeking Self: Virtues and Aspirations

Biblical Aspect: Despite the fall, the image of the Creator is not erased, only obscured. Exploring concepts of **grace, conscience, and innate goodness** (The Law written on the heart, Romans 2:15). Discussing the virtues of faith, hope, and love (1 Corinthians 13).

Today's Life Aspect: The inherent human capacity for extreme sacrifice, heroic selflessness, and transcendent love. The drive for justice, beauty, and truth in art, science, and philanthropy. This demonstrates the original purpose still *striving* within us.

The Balance: Human nature is not purely evil, nor purely good, but a constant **battleground** between the two a reflection of the initial choice and the potential for redemption.

Chapter 6: The Universal Law of Beginning and Ending

Why Everything Has an Ending: A philosophical and spiritual discussion on **impermanence** and **mortality**. The Biblical perspective is that death is a consequence of separation from the Creator (Genesis 3:19).

> *The Law:* If everything has a beginning (creation), it must also have a designed life-span or a designated ending (completion). This prevents entropy and disorder from being the final state.

Today's Life Aspect: The cycle of life (birth, growth, decay, death) is observed everywhere: stars, seasons, empires, and lives. This universal pattern reinforces the idea that life on earth is a **temporary, purposeful phase** within a greater scheme.

The Purpose of the End: The ending is not a final destruction but a **transition** and a **judgment/completion** that leads to the ultimate aim.

Part III:

The Consummation - The Aim to the End

Chapter 7: The Path to Redemption and Restoration

Biblical Aspect: Introduction to the concept of **salvation** (the ultimate solution to the problem of human nature). The role of sacrifice and grace as the means to bridge the gap between the created and the Creator.

The Process of Change: Discussing the spiritual journey: repentance, forgiveness, and the transformation of the human heart (being "born again" or undergoing moral and spiritual renewal). This is the Creator's intervention to restore the original design.

Today's Life Aspect: The tangible experience of personal transformation overcoming addiction, reconciling deep-seated bitterness, finding peace amidst chaos. These moments are evidence that human nature is **not static** but can be fundamentally changed by a transcendent power.

Chapter 8: The Ultimate End: Life’s True Destination

The End of the Creation: Discussing the ultimate, foretold end not just the end of an individual life, but the **completion of the entire created order** (Revelation, eschatology). The concept of a final accounting and a new beginning.

The Aim Since the Beginning and to the End: The ultimate aim is **restoration** a life without pain, sorrow, or death, lived in a perfect, unbroken relationship with the Creator, fulfilling the original purpose from Chapter 2.

A Call to Action: Empowering the reader to align their present choices with this ultimate, purposeful destination.

Conclusion: The Grand Design

A powerful summary reiterating the central thesis: **Everything has a Creator, and the study of human nature its glory and its mess is the clearest window into the mind of that Creator.**

The enduring power of hope and the call to live a purposeful life, knowing its origin and its destination.

Prologue: The Whisper of the Soul

Every human being, regardless of culture, age, or station, experiences a profound, universal restlessness. It is the unshakeable feeling that there is more to existence than what the eye can see, more purpose than the sum of our daily tasks, and more meaning than the simple biological functions of life. This feeling is not a cultural construct; it is the fundamental **Whisper of the Soul**, a sound that echoes the moment of our origin.

We look up at the night sky and are simultaneously humbled by the infinite scale of the universe and captivated by its intricate order. We study the double helix of DNA and marvel at the complexity of life coded onto a microscopic strand. We ask: *Who designed this code? Who ordered this cosmos?* And perhaps, more urgently: *Who am I, and why am I here?*

This book is an attempt to answer these questions by investigating human nature from its very source the **Creator** to its ultimate destination the **Consummation**. We will trace the human story from the biblical record of Genesis to the tumultuous realities of modern life, demonstrating a single, unwavering truth: **everything has its own Creator, a Power above everything.** Our understanding of ourselves, our conflicts, and our highest aspirations is incomplete until we acknowledge the Designer of the Grand Design. Let us embark on this journey to unmask the true nature of man, which is eternally linked to the will and purpose of the One who began it all.

Part I: The Genesis of Nature – The Creator and The Created

Chapter 1: The Principle of the Creator

The Inescapable Conclusion

Consider the simplest object: a watch. We observe its gears, its springs, its precise mechanism for tracking time. No rational person would look at a watch and conclude that it assembled itself randomly from raw materials over eons. The intricate relationship between its parts demands the prior existence of a watchmaker. This is the bedrock of the **Principle of the Creator**: **Design demands a Designer.**

This principle is not merely a belief; it is the most logical deduction derived from observing the universe. Every law, every cycle, every structure points to an intelligence far superior to any found within the created order.

The Biblical Testimony: *Ex Nihilo*

The most authoritative source on the origin of all things begins with a statement of pure, absolute power: **"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."** (Genesis 1:1).

The profound significance of this sentence lies in the concept of ***Ex nihilo*** creation *out of nothing*. Before this moment, there was no matter, no time, no space, save for the presence of the Creator. This act establishes the unbridgeable gulf between the Creator and the created. Unlike a human craftsman who requires pre-existing wood or metal, the Creator requires no material. He simply wills, and existence follows.

Furthermore, the biblical account of creation is characterized by **order and separation**. Light from darkness, water from land, vegetation, moving creatures, and finally, humanity. Each stage is defined, sequential, and declared "good." This systematic establishment of the cosmos reveals the mind of the ultimate **Legislator**, whose intelligence established the laws of physics, chemistry, and biology laws that we continue to rely on and study today.

Today’s Life Aspect: The Unwavering Laws

In the contemporary world, many seek to explain the universe without recourse to a Creator. Yet, the very framework of modern science relies on the assumption of **universal, unwavering laws**. Why does an apple fall to the earth with the same measurable acceleration today as it did a thousand years ago? Why are the constants of physics (like the speed of light) finely tuned to allow for complex life?

The physicist finds that if the gravitational constant were slightly stronger, the universe would have collapsed upon itself before stars could form. If it were slightly weaker, matter would never coalesce. The probability of these conditions being randomly perfect is astronomically small a concept known as **fine-tuning**.

The principle is simple: **A law requires a lawgiver.** We may call the force *gravity* or *electromagnetism*, but these are merely the names we assign to the Creator's *method*. They are the reliable evidence of a **Power above everything**, a superior Intelligence that established the rules of reality and holds them in constant operation. When we recognize this, we move from observing creation to acknowledging the majesty of the Creator.

Chapter 2: The Beginning and The Purpose

The Imago Dei: The Human Signat

"Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'" (Genesis 1:26).

This concept, the ***Imago Dei*** (Image of God), defines the original, uncorrupted purpose of human nature. We were not merely another animal, but a unique entity endowed with specific capacities that mirror our Maker:

Relationality: The capacity for deep, spiritual, and emotional connection.

Rationality: The ability to think, reason, solve problems, and create.

Moral Conscience: An innate sense of right and wrong, justice and truth.

The human being was created to be the **steward** and **vice-regent** of the earth, entrusted with reflecting the Creator's benevolent rule back into the world. The aim, since the very beginning of creation, was **relationship, reflection, and dominion.**

The Aim Since the Beginning: A Thriving Partnership

The original state of human nature was one of **harmony**:

Harmony with God: Unbroken spiritual connection.

Harmony with Self: Inner peace, without internal conflict or guilt.

Harmony with Others: Perfect community and love.

Harmony with Creation: Respectful stewardship and sustainable thriving.

This was the intended equilibrium. The first man, Adam, was placed in the Garden a perfect environment designed for continuous, creative effort. His work was not toil, but **purposeful cultivation** (Genesis 2:15). The original aim of life was to know the Creator and express that knowledge through constructive, creative living.

Today's Life Aspect: Echoes of the Original Purpose

Look at the modern world and you will see the persistent echoes of this original purpose struggling to be heard above the noise of chaos:

The Drive to Create: Why do artists paint, musicians compose, and engineers build bridges? This is the residue of the *Imago Dei* the innate drive to reflect the Creator's own creative genius.

The Quest for Justice: Why do we risk our lives to defend the weak or expose corruption? This is the remnant of the original **moral conscience** and the duty of right-governance.

The Need for Connection: Despite our hyper connected digital age, depression and loneliness are epidemic. This is because we are designed for a profound, spiritual relationship that no human connection or material success can replace the relationship with the Creator.

The things we value most love, truth, beauty, purpose are not evolutionary accidents. They are the **fingerprints of the Maker** left on the masterpiece of human nature, forever drawing us back to the memory of our first estate and the reason we were brought into existence.

Chapter 3: The Paradox of Free Will (The Choice)

The Gift That Became The Crisis

To be made in the Creator's image meant receiving a gift of immense value and corresponding danger: **Free Will**. The Creator, desiring a genuine relationship built on love, could not create robotic automatons programmed for obedience. Love, by its very definition, requires the ability to choose its object. Thus, humanity was given the power to choose **for** the Creator, or **against** Him.

This choice was symbolized by the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden (Genesis 2:17). The command was clear: enjoy every provision, but do not eat of this one tree. This was not an arbitrary prohibition; it was a boundary line defining the Source of authority:

> **Obedience:** Acknowledging the Creator as the sole Source of truth, life, and moral definition.
>
> **Disobedience:** Asserting human **autonomy** declaring oneself the final arbiter of what is good and what is evil.

The Fall: The Shift from Relationship to Autonomy

The biblical account of the Fall (Genesis 3) is the pivotal moment that reshaped human nature forever. The temptation centered on one promise: **"you will be like God, knowing good and evil."** This was the lure of absolute independence.

When the first human beings chose to eat, they made the tragic choice of **autonomy over submission**. This was not merely a dietary violation; it was a profound shift in allegiance and identity. In that moment, human nature absorbed a new, corrupted element: **Sin**, which is defined fundamentally as **missing the mark** of the original design, turning inward toward self-centeredness rather than outward toward the Creator and others.

Human Nature Unveiled: The Internal Conflict

The immediate consequences of the choice unveiled the complex, dualistic nature we live with today:

> **Alienation from God:** They hid from the Creator (loss of spiritual harmony).
>
> **Alienation from Others:** They immediately began blaming each other (loss of communal harmony).
>
> **Alienation from Self:** They felt shame and nakedness (loss of inner harmony).

Alienation from Creation: The ground was cursed, and labor became toil (loss of environmental harmony).

This is the true genesis of the constant struggle in every soul. We possess the original, noble blueprint of the *Imago Dei* (the desire for good, love, and purpose), but this blueprint is constantly undermined by the self-serving instinct introduced by the Fall (the drive toward pride, greed, and defiance). Our nature is now a **battleground**.

Today’s Life Aspect: The Daily Dilemma

The complexity of human nature is revealed in our daily actions. We are the only creatures who create detailed ethical systems while simultaneously devising the most horrific methods of torture. We donate millions to charity one day and commit acts of petty cruelty the next.

A brilliant scientist dedicates their life to healing diseases (an echo of the original stewardship).

Yet, they may be prone to envy, sabotaging a colleague’s career (a manifestation of the Fall’s pride).

This dualism explains why resolutions fail, why marriages break, and why societies perpetually oscillate between enlightenment and barbarism. We are not purely evil, nor are we purely good; we are **fallen beings capable of profound good**, constantly wrestling with the consequences of that foundational choice for autonomy. The paradox of free will is that, once exercised to choose separation, it binds us to the very conflicts we desperately try to escape.

Part II

The Duality of Human Nature - Conflict in the Living

Chapter 4: The Shadow Self: Flaws and Failures

The Universal Stain

Following the great choice, the shadow self the selfish, fallen aspect of human nature took root and proliferated. The biblical record quickly transitions from the harmony of the Garden to the tragedy of **Cain and Abel** (Genesis 4). This event is critical: it demonstrates that the stain of the Fall immediately led to the ultimate breakdown of human relationship murder motivated by jealousy. This illustrates the core pathology: self-centeredness leading to the destruction of others.

The prophets of the Old Testament repeatedly diagnosed the problem not as an external deficiency but as an internal corruption. **Jeremiah 17:9** states: **"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"** This is the stark realization that the corruption runs deep, infecting our motivations, desires, and perceptions.

The Four Pillars of the Shadow Self

The flaws inherent in fallen human nature manifest in predictable, destructive ways, evident in both ancient history and today's life:

> **Pride (Self-Deification):** The refusal to acknowledge any higher authority, exemplified historically by the builders of the **Tower of Babel** (Genesis 11), whose motive was to "make a name for ourselves." In modern terms, this is arrogance, the obsession with status, and the inability to admit fault.
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> **Greed (Misplaced Value):** The insatiable desire for more power, wealth, possessions to fill the emptiness left by the loss of the Creator's presence. This drives economic exploitation, corruption, and the worship of materialism.
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> **Fear (Erosion of Trust):** The anxiety and insecurity that results from living in a world no longer governed by perfect benevolence. Fear fuels prejudice, hatred, and the building of walls between communities and nations.
>
> **Envy (The Comparison Trap):** The resentment of another's blessing or success, leading to destructive competition and the inability to celebrate others. This is the root of much of the toxicity in social media and modern corporate culture.

Today’s Life Aspect: Scaling the Selfish Choice

We see the daily manifestation of the Shadow Self in recognizable, relatable forms:

> **The Office:** Gossip, backstabbing, or taking credit for another’s work illustrates the micro-level of the Tower of Babel’s self-exaltation.
>
> **The Road:** Road rage, cutting others off, and impatience demonstrate the macro-level self-absorption and lack of empathy.
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> **The Global Scale:** Wars fought over resources, systemic poverty maintained by the few, and the devastating disregard for the environment all trace their roots back to the selfish choice made by the first humans. They are scaled-up versions of Cain's jealousy and Adam's blame.

The Shadow Self proves that human nature, left to its own devices, will inevitably choose self-interest over the greater good. Understanding this deep-seated flaw is not an exercise in cynicism, but the necessary first step toward seeking the restoration promised by the Creator.

Chapter 5: The Seeking Self: Virtues and Aspirations

The Unquenched Thirst for Goodness

The existence of virtues is perhaps the strongest non-scientific evidence for a transcendent moral standard established by the Creator. If we were purely driven by survival and self-interest, acts of great sacrifice would be irrational. Yet, every culture, every generation, celebrates the person who chooses to:

Run *into* danger to save a stranger.

Give away wealth to empower the marginalized.

Forgive a deep, painful wrong.

Biblical Aspect: Conscience and Grace

The Bible confirms that humanity retains a measure of inherent moral guidance. The Apostle Paul speaks of the Gentiles (those without the written Law) demonstrating that the **"requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness..."** (Romans 2:15). This is the Creator's residual imprint the internal moral compass that allows us to distinguish between good and evil, even if we choose to ignore it.

Furthermore, the New Testament elevates three virtues as foundational to the restored human spirit: **faith, hope, and love** (1 Corinthians 13). These are not natural tendencies of the fallen self; they are spiritual aspirations that allow us to reach beyond our limitations:

Love (Agape): Selfless, unconditional giving.

Hope: Forward-looking assurance beyond present despair.

Faith: Trust in the unseen reality and the Creator’s promises.

These virtues demonstrate the **potential for restoration**, proving that the Creator’s original purpose is still alive and actively seeking to reclaim the human heart.

Today’ s Life Aspect: The Drive for Transcendence

Look around the world today, and you will see the Seeking Self at work in almost every field:

Philanthropy and Compassion: The sudden outpouring of global aid when a disaster strikes. This is the primal instinct to care for one’s fellow human the broken harmony of community attempting to reassert itself.

The Pursuit of Beauty: The human obsession with art, music, and poetry. We are driven to create and appreciate beauty because the Creator Himself is the source of all beauty and order. We seek transcendence in aesthetics.

Moral Courage: Individuals who stand up against tyranny, demanding freedom and dignity for all. This is the echo of the original **dominion** not domination, but the responsible and just governance of the earth and its people.

The existence of these noble aspirations contradicts the idea that human beings are merely sophisticated animals. We are seekers; we are driven by something higher than survival. This inner engine of virtue validates the claim that we are designed for a purpose far grander than simply existing.

The Balance: The Battleground

Ultimately, human nature is neither fully virtuous nor completely depraved, but a **constant battleground** where the Shadow Self and the Seeking Self vie for dominance. The tragedy of the human condition is not that we *lack* the capacity for good, but that we so often possess the clarity to know the right path and yet lack the necessary strength to follow it perfectly.

This duality affirms the need for a **Power above everything** to intervene a power that can not only forgive the failures of the Shadow Self but also empower the aspirations of the Seeking Self. Without this intervention, we are trapped in a perpetual cycle of rising to great heights only to fall again.

Chapter 6: The Universal Law of Beginning and Ending

Why Everything Has an Ending

To understand the purpose of life, we must understand the necessity of its end. The universe operates on the principle of cycles: the seasons, the rotation of planets, the birth and death of stars. The law that governs life on Earth is the **Universal Law of Beginning and Ending**.

From a created perspective, an ending is necessary for two primary reasons:

> **Mortality as Consequence:** As established in Chapter 3, the Bible defines physical death as a consequence of spiritual separation (the Fall). **"For dust you are and to dust you will return."** (Genesis 3:19). This is the Creator's boundary condition the merciful limit placed on a corrupted, self-governing existence. If fallen humanity lived eternally on Earth, the corruption and suffering would also be eternal and irreversible.
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> **Maintaining Order (The Cycle):** Every beginning implies a potential for disorder (entropy) in its finite span. An ending a completion, a death, a final stage is required to clear the stage for the next beginning, ensuring that chaos does not become the final state of the universe. The end is a mechanism of **cosmic housekeeping**.

Today's Life Aspect: The Unsettling Clock

The inevitability of death creates a profound sense of urgency and meaning. If life were endless on Earth, procrastination and triviality would reign. The ticking clock of mortality forces us to confront fundamental questions:

> *What truly matters?*
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> *What legacy am I building?*
>
> *Am I fulfilling my purpose?*

The fact that our lives are temporary underscores the idea that they are **purposeful phases**. The Creator did not intend for Earth to be the final destination, but a temporary school a testing ground where the choice between the Shadow Self and the Seeking Self is constantly made.

The Purpose of the End: A Transition to Completion

In the ultimate scheme of the Creator, the "ending" is not annihilation, but a **transition** that leads to the ultimate aim (The Consummation).

The existence of an end serves as a prelude to **accountability** (Judgment) and **completion** (Eternal Life). The end provides the point at which the dualistic conflicts of this life are finally resolved, and the true, enduring character of the individual the choices made regarding the Creator is revealed.

Therefore, the Law of Beginning and Ending is evidence of a moral universe. It assures us that the Creator's plan is not open-ended or arbitrary; it is moving toward a defined, just, and purposeful finish line.

Part III

The Consummation - The Aim to the End

Chapter 7: The Path to Redemption and Restoration

The Creator’ s Intervention

The inherent flaws of the Shadow Self (Chapter 4) demonstrated that human nature, though possessing the aspiration for good (Chapter 5), is incapable of achieving restoration on its own. The gulf created by the choice of autonomy (Chapter 3) was too wide for humanity to bridge. This necessitated the Creator's decisive, loving intervention: **Redemption.**

Redemption, in the context of the Creator's plan, is the act of **buying back** or **reclaiming** that which was lost or corrupted. It is the Creator's solution to the problem of sin and separation. The Biblical narrative details this intervention through the figure of Jesus Christ, who serves as the perfect bridge and mediator.

> **The Bridge:** Being both fully divine and fully human, the Mediator could satisfy the demands of divine justice (due to the sin of humanity) and offer divine grace (the unearned favor of the Creator).
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> **The Sacrifice:** The ultimate act of selfless love (the peak of the Seeking Self) was the giving of life a perfect, vicarious sacrifice that paid the penalty for humanity's choice of autonomy.

This act restores the opportunity for relationship, making the final, original aim of creation accessible once more.

The Process of Change: Transformation of Nature

Redemption is not merely a legal pardon; it is the beginning of a **radical transformation** a spiritual renewal that actively works to restore the *Imago Dei* to its original glory. The Bible calls this being "born again" or becoming a "new creation."

This process directly addresses the flawed aspects of the Shadow Self:

> **From Pride to Humility:** Replacing self-deification with reliance on the Creator.
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> **From Greed to Generosity:** Re-orienting the heart from material possession to spiritual virtue.
>
> **From Fear to Faith:** Replacing anxiety with the assurance of the Creator's ultimate control and benevolence.

The transformed heart is then empowered to live out the virtues of the Seeking Self consistently, finally allowing the higher aspirations to overcome the lower instincts. This is the Creator actively renewing the human spirit, leading to true inner peace the restoration of **harmony with self.**

Today’s Life Aspect: The Tangible Evidence of Renewal

The path to restoration is not a theoretical concept; its results are tangible and observable:

> **Overcoming Addiction:** An individual breaking free from a destructive habit that seemed chemically and psychologically insurmountable demonstrates a supernatural change in their core will and desires.
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> **Reconciliation:** Families or communities achieving deep, lasting forgiveness after years of conflict proves the power to overcome the inherent human impulse for bitterness and revenge.
>
> **Purposeful Living:** People leaving paths of lucrative but selfish pursuits to dedicate their lives to serving the poor, the ill, or the persecuted.

These are not merely acts of self-improvement; they are evidence of the **restoration principle** proof that human nature, when surrendered to the Power above everything, can be fundamentally reset and directed back toward its original, noble purpose. This journey of transformation is the true definition of a successful life on Earth.

Chapter 8: The Ultimate End: Life’s True Destination

The Consummation: The End of the Creation

The Bible speaks of this ultimate aim as the **New Heaven and the New Earth** (Revelation 21-22), an eternal state where the perfect harmony of the Garden is not only restored but amplified:

> **No more sorrow or death:** The consequence of the Fall is permanently removed.
>
> **Perfect Relationship:** The Creator dwells with humanity without separation.
>
> **Eternal Purpose:** The original mandate of relationality and joyful service is fulfilled in a perfected, timeless environment.

This is the ultimate answer to the soul's restlessness: the final, permanent destination that aligns the human spirit with the eternal will of the Creator.

The Aim Since the Beginning and to the End

The entire timeline of creation, human history, redemption, and judgment can be summed up by a single, cyclical purpose: **Original Harmony → Corrupted Separation → Glorified Restoration.**

The ultimate aim is not simply to be "saved" from punishment, but to be **restored to the original purpose of reflecting the Creator's nature in a perfect, eternal environment.**

This understanding answers the central question of this book: **Why everything has a beginning and an ending.** The beginning (Genesis) established the potential for perfect relationship and purpose. The ending (Consummation) is the realization of that potential, having purged the corruption introduced in the middle. The ending is the glorious completion, proving that the Creator’s will prevails over all temporary chaos and failure.

A Call to Alignment

The knowledge of the ultimate end gives profound clarity to the present moment. Since everything has an ending and that ending is fixed, the aim of the human life today is to make the daily choices the choices between the Shadow Self and the Seeking Self that align us with the Creator's intended destination.

Living purposefully today means:

> **Acknowledging the Creator:** Recognizing the Power above everything as the source of all truth and meaning.

Embracing Redemption: Accepting the Creator's provided path to overcome the corruption of autonomy.

Cultivating Virtue: Actively developing the character traits of the Seeking Self (love, justice, humility) in preparation for the eternal state of harmony.

The purpose of life is not to acquire wealth or fame, which are subject to the Law of Ending, but to **prepare the eternal soul** for its inevitable and glorious destination.

Conclusion:

The Grand Design

We began this inquiry with the fundamental premise: **everything has its own Creator, someone of power above everything.**

We have traced human nature from its genesis as a masterpiece created in the *Imago Dei*, through the catastrophic choice of autonomy (The Fall) that introduced the duality of the Shadow and Seeking Selves, to the Creator's intervening act of Redemption, and finally to the glorious, guaranteed destiny of the Consummation.

The conflicts, the yearnings, the brokenness, and the beauty that define human life are not cosmic accidents. They are the understandable consequences of the grand design, temporarily disrupted by free will, and actively being repaired by an eternal, loving Power.

The study of **Human Nature** is therefore the clearest window into the mind of the **Creator**. The existence of our flaws proves our desperate need for Him; the persistence of our conscience proves His relentless pursuit of us; and the promise of the End guarantees His ultimate victory over chaos and death.

The question is no longer, *Who are we?* but rather, *What will we choose to do with the nature we have been given?*

Go forth, acknowledge the Designer, and live today in light of the magnificent End He has prepared.

Thank you for your valued time…. You might request the extension of this book.